Indian Defence Light Helicopter

3085. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the first prototype of Indian defence light helicopter has been test flown during the current year;

(b) whether this is being developed by the HAL in collaboration with West Germany;

(c) if so, to what extent this new helicopter has successfully passed the test; and

(d) what is the total annual production to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI: (a) No, Sir.

(b) An advance Light Helicopter is being designed and developed by HAL in collaboration with a firm in West Germany.

(c) The helicopter is still under development.

(d) The final position in respect of the production schedule is yet to emerge.

Crash of Army Plane in Assam

3086. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any army jet plane crashed near Chabua in the Dibrugarh district, Assam recently ;

(b) how many people died in the crash including those on ground ;

(c) whether compensation have been paid to the relatives of the victims; and

(d) what are the rules under which the compensation was paid and the amount of compensation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) An Air crash involving an I.A.F. jet aircraft took place near Chabua on 02-12-1988.

(b) One IAF Pilot Officer of the ill fated aircraft was killed. Besides, 4 civilians were killed and 6 others injured on the ground.

(c) *Ex-gratia* grant permissible under the rules has been paid. Full compensation claims, however, will be paid as soon as full verification by the local civil authorities are completed.

(d) The payment of *Ex-gratia* interim relief is governed by Government of India, Ministry of Defence letter No. Air HQ/23932/Pol-2 PP & R/9644/D/(Air-III), dated 19-10-1966 as amended from time to time. A total grant of Rs. 32,000 has been paid at the rate of Rs. 5,000 each to the families of the deceased and Rs. 2,000 each to the six persons injured.

आयुर्वेदिक निदेशालय की स्थापना

3087. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली प्रशासन ने हाल ही में प्राचीन भारतीय चिकित्सा पद्धति अर्थात आयुर्वेद को आधुनिक पद्धति के रूप में स्वीकार करके इसकी उन्नति

के लिए एक अलग निदेशालय की स्थापना करने का निर्णय किया है ;

(क) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार को इस संबंध में दिल्ली प्रशासन से कोई योजना प्राप्त हुई है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसे स्वीकृति देने मे विलम्ब के क्या कारण है?

वस्त्र मंत्री तथा स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Freight Equalisation Scheme on Iron and Steel

3088. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) what is the position in regard to withdrawal of the freight equalisation scheme on iron and steel as recommended by the B.D. Pandey Committee;

(b) whether the matter has been referred to the National Development Council; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) to (c) In view of the representation received from a number of State Governments against the withdrawal of Freight Equalisation for Iron and Steel, the Government have reconsidered the matter and decided to refer it to the National Development Council (NDC). Since this decision, there has been only one meeting of the NDC to consider the 'mid-term appraisal' of the Seventh-Five-Year Plan; no other item could be considered in this meeting.

Stay of Medical/Para-Medical Staff in C.G.H.S. Homoeopathic Dispensaries

3089. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any time limit has been fixed for the stay of Medical and Para-medical staff posted in various Homoeopathic C.G.H.S. Dispensaries as well as in Homoeopathic Store Depots in Delhi/New Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the period fixed for Medical and para-medical staff (post-wise) and the number of them who have completed their normal tenure on one post and are overstaying as on 1st March, 1989; and

(c) what steps Government proposed to take to transfer such medical and para-medical staff members?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Medical Officers and para medical staff working in Homoeopathic dispensaries are to be transferred on completion of 4-5 years and those working in Homoeopathic stores are to be transferred on completion of 2-3 years. Copies of the guidelines issued in this regard are enclosed. (Statement I & II). (*See* below). A list of persons who have already completed their normal tenure is enclosed (Statement-III). (*See* below) Action to rotate Medical Officers and